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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE MINISTER DEPARTS FOR OAU MEETING

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED DEPARTURE FEB 25 OF MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO FOR OAU MEETING IN ADDIS ABABA.

2. IN PRE-DEPARTURE NEWS CONFERENCE, CHISSANO SAID CURRENT MEETING WOULD BE DEVOTED PRINCIPALLY TO THE DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE OAU BUDGET. OTHER SERIOUS PROBLEMS LIKE SOUTHERN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA, WESTERN SAHARA AND DJIBOUTI WERE ALSO LIKELY TO BE RAISED, HE SAID.

3. COMMENT: FACT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO IS TAKING TIME OUT FROM A CRUCIAL FRELIMO CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING, WHICH HAS BEEN IN CONTINUOUS SESSION UNDER THE CHAIARMANSHIP OF MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL SINCE FEB 11, INDICATES THAT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES ON CONTINUING "COLONIAL RULE" MAY RECEIVE MORE THAN PASSING ATTENTION AT CURRENT OAU MEETING.

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